(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) :(a) and (b) Scooters India Limited (SIL) is referred to Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) whose recommendations are awaited. The Company is at present being given non-plan budgetary support for payment of wages and salary to its employees. Paucity of working capital has constrained Scooters India Ltd. from entering into long term commitment for exports.

(c) and (d) The export earnings of the Company are on the increase as will be seen from the following statement :—

Export Earnings

	(Rs. in lakhs)
1989-90	27
1990-91	129
1991-92	264
1992-93	281
1993-94 .. .. .. (Anticipated)	400

LOSSES INCURRED BY HMT

3178. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Tools at Bangalore has been incurring losses in crores of rupees since the past few years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the decisions of the top management are adversely affecting the economy of the company;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to take any concrete steps to save the company from being pushed into red; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) :(a) to (e) HMT Limited, Bangalore has been a profit making company. However, during the first six months of 1993-94 the provisional loss of the Company is Rs. 75.28 crores due to stiff competition, product obsolescence, high cost of manpower and other overheads, demand sluggishness and increase in inventories.

The Company has initiated action to implement the recommendations of the Japan International Cooperation Agency which have no financial involvement such as organisational restructuring, export promotion, productivity improvement and human resources development.

INCENTIVES FOR PAPER INDUSTRY

3179. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the paper industry has urged Government to announce a package of incentives to boost investment and help create sizeable additional capacity;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether the paper industry in the country is on the verge of collapse due to adverse policies of Government ; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to provide relief to paper industry in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) :(a) and (b) The paper industry has represented from time to time requesting the Government for fiscal concessions in order to encourage investment and enhance production. A view in respect of the request depends on the decisions in the Union Budget 1994-95.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Do not arise.

CLOSURE OF NATIONAL BICYCLE CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED

3180. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be please to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved the closure of the National Bicycle Corporation of India Limited;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the workers of the Corporation have opposed the closure; and

(d) if so, on what grounds and what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) :(a) to (d) National Bicycle Corporation of India Limited (NBCIL), being a loss making company, is under reference to BIFR. After hearing the concerned parties and taking into consideration various facts, the Bench of BIFR concluded on 5-10-93 that it was just and equitable to wind up the company but reserved its orders. The case has again come up before BIFR on 20-12-93. The Government is yet to receive the written orders of the BIFR. However, the Government have decided not to contest the decision of the BIFR for winding up NBCIL because it has been found in the hearings of BIFR and the report prepared by IDBI, the operating agency, that NBCIL was not a viable industrial company and no offer from anybody was received for taking over the company and running it.

वाहनों के मूल्यों में वृद्धि

3181. श्री शारदा मुखर्जी :
श्री सोम पाल :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उदारीकरण नीति के तहत उत्पाद-शुल्क में छूट के बावजूद आटोमोबाइल विनिर्माणकारी कंपनियों द्वारा अपने वाहनों के मूल्यों में वृद्धि की गयी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) इस पर सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय (औद्योगिक विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री और उद्योग मंत्रालय (भारी उद्योग विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) वर्ष 1993-94 के बजट में उत्पाद शुल्क में जो कमी की गई थी उसके अनुरूप मोटरगाड़ी निर्माताओं ने अपने वाहनों की कीमतें घटा दी थीं। बाद में सवारी कारों और वाणिज्यिक वाहनों की कीमतों में 5-6 प्रतिशत वृद्धि हो गयी थी ।

(ख) और (ग) वाहन निर्माताओं का कहना है कि निविष्टियों जैसे कच्चे माल, बिजली और ईंधन, परिवहन, मजदूरी आदि की लागत बढ़ जाने के कारण उनके वाहनों की कीमतों में वृद्धि हुई थी । मोटरगाड़ियों की कीमतों पर कोई वैधानिक नियंत्रण नहीं है । इसलिए वाहन निर्माताओं